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Dear Mr. Greis and Mr. Wear,

I am writing you because of my concern over the apparent focus of the draft of the Southern Forest Resource Assessment (SFRA). The draft seems to recognize sprawl as the very real problem it is, but, seems to down-play the even greater threat posed by the increase in logging and pine plantations.

Having observed the effects of modern forest products industry practices for many decades, I know that forests never really recover from clear cutting and that pine plantations have less bio-diversity than virtually any landform on the planet. The toll from the silt and chemical pollution from these practices is a serious threat to the health of both wildlife and human populations. The report acknowledges that by 2040 eight times the acreage lost to sprawl will be harvested by the timber industry and that a shocking twenty-five percent of southern forest will have been converted to pine plantations.

Our southern forest have so much more to offer us than paper. Please do all you can to stem the destruction on all fronts.

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